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To the Norman Cross Rural District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Thirteenth Annual Report upon the sanitary conditions of the District for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The District lies mainly to the south of Peterborough, running across the County from east to west.

The main industries are agriculture and brick-making; there is also engineering and a tar distillery. There are three poultry processing premises in the area. Many people who live in the District find their employment in Peterborough.

The mid-year population was estimated by the Registrar General to have been 11,790, an increase of 220 over the previous year.

There were 222 live births during the year, being 30 more than in 1969. The crude birth rate was 18.8 per 1,000 of the population and the adjusted rate 18.2, this is higher than the rate for England and Wales as a whole which was 16.0. Ten of the live births were illegitimate, that is 5% of the births. This figure was 8% for England and Wales.

There was one infant death, giving an infant mortality rate of 5 per 1,000 live births. For England and Wales the rate was 18 per 1,000.

There were 5 still-births and the Perinatal Mortality rate was 22 per 1,000 total births, a figure very close indeed to the national rate of 23.

There were 96 deaths 53 males and 43 females. The crude death rate was 8.1 and the adjusted rate 10.6 per 1,000 population. This rate compares favourably with the rate of 11.7 for England and Wales.

There was little infectious disease notified to me during the year. The most frequent being Measles, with 31 cases.

The latter half of the year was noteworthy in that the County, through the School Medical Service, launched a campaign to immunise all girls against German Measles in their 14th year. This is in order to prevent them catching this disease later on in life, during pregnancy, since if this occurs there is a possibility that the baby may have congenital abnormalities.

I advise all parents to have their daughters immunised under this scheme. It only requires one injection and may save the girls a lot of worry in the future.

The water supply throughout the District remains good. The water is "very Hard" but is of good quality, and bacteriologically it is satisfactory. Improvements to certain of the mains have been made during the year by the Water Board.

Work began on the scheme for the Sewerage of the Village of Folksworth in November and the Surveyor hopes that it will be completed by June 1972.

I am in full agreement with the Surveyor that the next village to receive attention should be Glatton. This village suffers from the same problem which beset Folksworth namely a heavy clay subsoil into which effluent cannot easily soak and drain away.

My thanks are again due to the Members of the Council, their Officers and Staff, and to my Professional Colleagues in the District for the help which they have given me throughout the year.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	35,795 acres
Estimated Population (mid 1970)	11,790
Density of persons per acre	.33
Number of Inhabited houses, end of 1970	4,132
Rateable Value, 31/12/70	£453,195
Value of Penny Rate, 31/3/70	£1,888

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	222
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	18.8
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	5
Still-births	5
Still-births rate per 1,000 live and still-births	22
Total live and still-births	227
Infant deaths	1
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - total	5
Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	22
Maternal deaths (including abortion)	Nil
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births	Nil
Death rate per 1,000 population	8.1

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INFANT DEATHS

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Actual number of deaths	5	3	6	3	3	1
Rates all infants per 1,000 live births	26.2	14.3	28	14	16	5

Deaths from Cancer including Leukaemia 25

Malignant Neoplasm Lung, Bronchus 9

Ischaemic Heart Disease 22

Comparison of rates with those of England and Wales

	Per 1,000 Population				Per 1,000 Live births	Per 1,000 Total births
	Live Birth Rate	Adjusted Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Adjusted Death Rate	Infantile Mortality Rate	Still Births Rate
Norman Cross R.D.C.	18.8	18.2	8.1	10.6	5	22
England & Wales	16.0	16.0	11.7	11.7	18	13

Comparability Factor for Births 0.97

Comparability Factor for Deaths 1.31

The comparability factors are figures by which the crude birth and death rates need to be multiplied so as to find the adjusted rates. The adjusted rates are then comparable with the rates for England and Wales or the adjusted rates of any other place in the Country. The Registrar General calculates the factors from information available to him concerning amongst other things the age and sex structure of the population.

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location
1998	Jan	1	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	2	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	3	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	4	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	5	10:00	Room 101

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location
1998	Jan	6	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	7	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	8	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	9	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	10	10:00	Room 101

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location
1998	Jan	11	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	12	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	13	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	14	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	15	10:00	Room 101

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location
1998	Jan	16	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	17	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	18	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	19	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	20	10:00	Room 101

Year	Month	Day	Time	Location
1998	Jan	21	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	22	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	23	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	24	10:00	Room 101
1998	Jan	25	10:00	Room 101

The following table shows the classification of deaths from all causes
(Registrar-General's figures):-

CAUSES OF DEATH	Male	Female	Total
Meningococcal infection	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	3	1	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	1	9
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, prostate	3	-	3
Other malignant neoplasms	-	5	5
Mental disorders	1	-	1
Multiple sclerosis	-	1	1
Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	14	8	22
Other forms of heart disease	2	3	5
Cerebro vascular disease	5	9	14
Other diseases of circulatory system	3	1	4
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	2	5	7
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	-	2
Other diseases of digestive system	1	-	1
Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
Congenital anomalies	1	-	1
Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1
All other accidents	3	-	3
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	-	1
All other external causes	-	1	1
Total all causes	53	43	96

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during 1970

Total Deaths:									1		
Cases admitted to Hospital									1		
65 & upwards											
45 - 65											
35 - 45											
20 - 35									1		
15 - 20											
10 - 15											
5 - 10				11	1						
4 - 5				2							
3 - 4				4							
2 - 3				5							
1 - 2				7	1						
Under 1 year				2	1						
TOTAL				31	3				1		
DISEASE	Smallpox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Measles	Whooping Cough	Polionmyelitis	Jaundice	Acute Meningitis	Food Poisoning	Dysentery	

TUBERCULOSIS

AGE PERIOD	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
35 - 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

I am,

Your obedient servant,

PHILIP V. CANT,

Medical Officer of Health.

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Surveyor & Public Health Inspector's Office,

12 Priestgate,

Peterborough.

12th July 1971.

TO: The Medical Officer of Health

Sir,

I have the honour to present my twenty first Annual Report, for the year ended 31st December 1970.

HOUSING: The number of new dwellings built since 1945 is as follows:-

(a) BY THE DISTRICT COUNCIL:-

<u>Up to 31st December 1968</u>				<u>during 1969</u>	<u>during 1970</u>	
Alwalton	42	Morborne	4	Farcet	37	NIL
Chesterton	2	Orton Longueville	6			
Elton	40	Orton Waterville	14			
Farcet	90	Stibbington	2			
Folksworth	2	Stilton	89			
Glatton	4	Yaxley	198			
Holme	34	Yaxley (Flatlets)	29			
TOTAL			556	37	--	= 593

With the 87 pre-war and war-time houses, the Council now own 680 dwellings.

Under Construction at 31.12.1970 - 20 dwellings at Stibbington.

Plans approved or in Preparation:-

Sites at Yaxley, Farcet and Stilton.

(b) BY PRIVATE DEVELOPERS:-

The number of dwellings completed from January 1947 to December 1969 is as follows:-

<u>HOUSES</u>	<u>FLATS</u>	<u>BUNGALOWS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
963	8	710	1681

Completed During 1970

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>HOUSES</u>	<u>FLATS</u>	<u>BUNGALOWS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Alwalton	2	-	3	5
Denton & Caldecote	-	-	1	1
Elton	1	-	-	1
Farcet	-	-	4	4
Folksworth	14	-	4	18
Glatton	-	-	1	1
Holme	5	-	-	5
Orton Waterville	7	1	23	31
Stibbington	-	-	1	1
Stilton	3	-	-	3
Yaxley	35	-	12	47
	67	1	49	117

Total private dwellings erected since 1947 - 1,798.

Private dwellings under construction at 31st December 1970:-

179 houses, 55 bungalows and 7 flats = 241 dwellings.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HOUSING

The present situation emphasises that the building industry is one of continual fluctuation and is affected by many outside influences. During the year work commenced on new sections of estates at Orton Waterville and Yaxley and work on existing estates continued. The number completed in this district during the twelve months showed a slight increase, and the number under construction is the highest ever recorded. Mortgages are now easier to obtain and there is a steady demand for properties in most price ranges. The mild winter allowed building to continue without the usual delays due to snow and ice, and coupled with the present high demand this has resulted in shortages of labour in some trades and delays in delivery of some materials. Building inspection was a particularly busy task during the year.

Details of plans and applications submitted during the year are as follows:-

New Houses	24	Electricity Lines	13
Bungalows	14	Caravan Applications	4
Garden, Tool, Store Sheds	8	School classrooms	5
Agricultural buildings	6	Shops	2
Garages	55	Factories	12
Outline Applications	52	Petrol Filling Stations	3
Notices and Signs	13	Drainage	6
New Accesses	7	Estate layouts	6
Alterations & Additions	116	Offices	2
Greenhouses and		Miscellaneous	21
Conservatories	27		
		TOTAL	396

COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING

During the year the maintenance work at Farcet Stage 2 was completed. Although no new properties were occupied in the remainder of the District, preparations were brought to an advanced stage with other projects.

At Stibbington work commenced in June 1970 on 20 houses and bungalows; one bungalow was designed with an addition that could be a shop or flat. Fair progress was made on this contract.

Preparations were well advanced for construction of 60 houses, bungalows and flats on a site South of Yaxley Church, Planning and Ministry approvals being received in November 1970. This is a particularly attractive site, although land acquisition has been expensive and prolonged. There is land to the East on which approximately 26 further properties can be erected later, and completion of this area will clear up what has for several years been a rather untidy corner site. No. 15 Church Street became vacant and was purchased by the Council as it will form part of the area required to complete the development; plans were prepared for temporary use of the property.

Work continues with erection of individual brick built garages at side of Council houses and plans are in preparation for a block of garages at Elton.

Further investigations were made into various central heating appliances, so that the most efficient and economical installation can be made in existing Council Houses.

A careful examination was made of all Council owned land, to see if after dealing with the need in the parishes concerned there could be any land surplus to requirements. Negotiations are continuing.

HOUSING ACTION AND IMPROVEMENT

14 Houses were demolished during the year, 5 being the result of Demolition Orders.

Applications were received for 18 Standard Grants and 14 Improvement Grants. Improvement work continues in a satisfactory way, although the figures are not spectacular. There are not a great number of terraces of sub-standard houses which could be suitable for an Improvement Area. Generally, individual houses are improved as they change ownership and cottages in attractive situations are either improved by additions or are reduced in number if too small.

There are no common lodging houses in the district, and no overcrowding within the meaning of the Housing Acts.

WATER SUPPLY

The statistics of the water supply to the district are as follows:-

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>Number of Premises</u>	<u>Number without Main Water</u>	<u>Number of houses supplied from Main</u>	<u>Population Supplied from Main</u>
Alwalton	113	-	113	305
Chesterton	53	-	53	147
Denton & Caldecote	28	3	25	72
Elton	206	-	206	602
Farcet	413	-	413	1188
Folksworth & Washingley	135	1	134	342
Glatton	77	1	76	226
Haddon	24	-	24	70
Holme	169	-	169	488
Morborne	16	-	16	46
Orton Longueville	804	-	804	2404
Orton Waterville	263	-	263	729
Sibson-cum-Stibbington	163	1	162	461
Stilton	307	-	307	886
Water Newton	31	-	31	95
Yaxley	1330	2	1328	3710
TOTAL	4132	8	4124	11771

There are no street standpipes.

Twelve samples of water were taken during the year and were sent for bacteriological examination. All were reported as satisfactory. The main water is within the "very hard" category and is not plumbo-solvent.

The Fluoride content is between 0.18 and 0.55 parts per million, depending upon the source.

There are no public swimming baths in the district, but there are five shallow plastic lined beginners pools at Schools at Holme, Orton Longueville (2), Stilton and Yaxley and a larger conventional pool at the Orton Longueville School. 8 Water samples were taken at School swimming pools during the summer season. Two of these samples were unsatisfactory and it was necessary to close the pools for a few days whilst repairs and adjustments were made to the chlorination plant.

The Water Undertaking was incorporated into the South Lincolnshire Water Board as from 1st October 1968. They supply the following information:-

(a) Water Consumption

- (i) Total consumption in year 218,570,000 gallons.
- (ii) Average daily consumption 599,000 gallons.
- (iii) Per capita consumption 51.7 galls./head/day.

(b) Works

Several minor improvements were carried out during the year to supply and distributions systems in the area. The area supplied from the new booster station at Folksworth was extended to make operation more efficient. Sections of corroded iron mains in the Haddon and Morborne areas were relaid and a 3" P.V.C. main was laid across the River Nene at Wansford to improve supplies from Wittering Tower, near Stamford, to the Stibbington and Elton areas. The 12" pumping main from Farcet to Yaxley pumping station laid as part of the Comprehensive Scheme was extended back to Stanground to allow a greater quantity of water to be pumped from Fletton Avenue booster station.

(c) Mains

The following table gives details of the mains laid in the Rural District during the year:-

LOCATION	3" Yards	12" Yards	Total Yards
Church Lane, Stibbington	305	-	305
Church Lane, Haddon	348	-	348
Warmington Road, Morborne	520	-	520
Milk & Water Drove, Farcet	400	-	400
Farcet-Stanground main	-	1,836	1,836
TOTAL	1,573	1,836	3,409

(d) Water Quality

Regular weekly samples of raw and treated water from each source of supply and from varied points within the distribution system were taken throughout the year and submitted for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratories, Peterborough. All treated water samples and the vast majority of raw water samples gave satisfactory results. Satisfactory chemical analyses of water from each source were also obtained.

DRAINAGE

By the end of 1970 drains from 3347 properties had been connected to the public sewers in Yaxley, Farcet, Stilton, Orton Longueville, Orton Waterville, Elton, Holme, Sibson-cum-Stibbington, Alwalton and Chesterton. The only parishes now not sewered are Denton and Caldecote, Folksworth and Washingley, Glatton, Haddon, Morborne and Waternewton. When the Folksworth scheme has been completed the remaining areas will be the small hamlets for which outline schemes have been prepared but construction costs are high. If these remaining villages are to be sewered over a number of years, the first priority should be to Glatton where the heavy clay subsoil makes effluent disposal particularly difficult.

6 cesspools were abolished and properties connected to the public sewer.

8 pails were converted to W.Cs.

10 new septic tanks or cesspools were provided in unsewered areas.

The existing foul drainage schemes continued satisfactorily except at Elton disposal works, where poor samples were reported. An investigation was carried out over several months, good samples being obtained after repairs and adjustments were made to the percolating filter arms and mechanism.

Preparatory work of serving Notices on land owners and occupiers was done in this office in connection with Contract 15 for foul drainage of Folksworth. The Assistant Resident Engineer commenced in July 1970. The Contractors, Messrs. Linney and McLaughlin started work at Stanground on 2nd November. This scheme includes not only sewer laying in Folksworth Village, but short lengths to serve the Northern part of Stilton and an area near the Norman Cross Motel. Longer lengths of sewer are to be laid from Folksworth to existing sewer at Limekiln Lane, Stilton, and from Farcet to Stanground; the Stanground section has some lengths designed to take overflows from the neighbouring Old Fletton Urban District and the total flow is treated at the Old Fletton U.D. Works. The pumping stations at Windsor Road, Yaxley and Farcet Bridge are to be re-modelled to deal with the additional flows. Three thrust bores are to be made, two under the Great North Road and one under the main line railway at Yaxley. An additional sewage pumping main is to be laid through fields from Yaxley to Farcet. Present progress is good. The work should be completed by June 1972.

The winter of 1970 was comparatively mild and dry and no flooding was reported. The need to deal with the problem of surface water drainage in parishes where extensive house building has created impermeable areas with rapid run-off is still evident and must receive attention if flooding and other problems are to be avoided. In some parishes it is possible to

drain surface water to existing or improved dykes and old drains, but it has been appreciated that there is a special problem in the village of Yaxley where the population has increased from 2775 to 3714 in the past 10 years and could reach 8,000 to 9,000 within the next 20 years. After considerable investigations the Council instructed Messrs. G.B. Kershaw & Kaufman as Consulting Engineers to prepare a draft scheme and estimate for the surface water drainage of Yaxley. Data in considerable detail has been supplied to the Consultants.

REFUSE COLLECTION

The 7 day rota of collection continued this year, the rota being maintained over holiday periods by working on Saturdays. A new S & D 25 cu. yd. Fore and Aft tipper with power press was delivered in December 1970, to replace the existing rather aged vehicle. A 35 cu. yd. capacity vehicle has been ordered to replace the existing "Pakamatic", which will then be kept as spare.

Bulky refuse collections continued on Saturday mornings, but the scheme was altered so that instead of working round the area village by village, the collections are made on demand. This scheme is working well and collections are being made within 2-3 weeks of request. There is thus little excuse for any householder in this district dumping any unwanted articles in the countryside. Unfortunately people from outside the district and others travelling through are still filling roadside bins and dumping in hedgerows; these accumulations are being cleared with the bulky refuse and normal rota collections.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

100% inspection of meat was again recorded at the Farcet Slaughterhouse. Approximately the same number of animals were inspected as in 1969 with a slight reduction in the number of sheep and pigs.

The statistics relating to meat inspection and food premises are as follows:-

FOOD PREMISES

Number of Food Premises by type of Business

Nil	Bakehouses	
5	Butchers	
4	Cafes	TOTAL 96 Premises
Nil	Confectioner	(none has been
4	Fish and Chips	counted under more
29	General	than one heading)
2	Greengrocers	
25	Public Houses and Clubs	
15	Sweets	
4	Poultry	
5	Works Canteens	
2	Vegetable Packer	
1	Warehouse	

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	120	14	4	503	3033	Nil
Number Inspected	120	14	4	503	3033	Nil
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u>						
Whole Carcases condemned.	Nil	Nil	1	Nil	1	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	17	2	Nil	8	96	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	14.16	14.24	25.00	1.59	3.20	Nil
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>						
Whole Carcases condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	65	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	2.15	Nil
<u>CYSTICERCI</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Percentage of Number inspected affected with Cysticerci.	0.83	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Meat Inspection Fees £144.4.6d.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Type of Business	Number of Premises	Number of Premises Fitted to Comply with Reg. 16.	Number of Premises to which Reg. 19 applies.	Number of Premises Fitted to Comply with Reg. 19.
Butchers	5	5	5	5
Cafes	4	4	4	4
Confectioners	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Fish and Chips	4	4	4	4
General	29	29	29	29
Greengrocers	2	2	2	2
Public Houses and Clubs	25	25	25	25
Sweets	15	15	Nil	Nil
Poultry	4	4	3	3
Works Canteens	5	5	5	5
Vegetable Packers	2	2	Nil	Nil
Warehouse	1	1	Nil	Nil
	96	96	77	77

Number of Inspections of Registered Food Premises

203

Any new Educational Activity

Nil

Method of Disposal of Condemned Foods

Stained Green and removed by Contractor. Subsequently treated at Waste Products Plant.

Few reports were received as to unsound food, but most of the complaints concerned mould on items such as sausage rolls and similar food kept in shops in temperature controlled conditions. It appears that much more care is necessary in the transport of such food between the store and the shop, as a lengthy period in an ordinary van in hot weather is an obvious danger.

The Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 come into operation on 1st March 1971. One point of importance to this district is that under this new legislation, persons washing carrots must use potable water. The larger vegetable packers in the district have been visited and letters have been sent to local Farmers Union Secretaries.

Poultry Packing Premises 3

Number of visits 52

Total number of birds processed during the year 78,000

Types of birds processed 72,000 hens and chickens
6,000 ducks

Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption:

Hens and chickens average 3% due to tumours and E. Coli.

Ducks - rejection approximately 1%.

There is a daily removal by waste products merchant on killing days.

As reported last year the emphasis in the poultry trade in this district is changing. The processors are killing fewer birds on their own premises, but are buying many more from the larger firms and storing them for use as required. Two of the three premises are increasing the amount and number of other foods kept in frozen storage.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories without power	-	-	-	-
Factories with power	42	33	-	-
Building sites etc.	26	60	-	-
TOTAL:	68	93	-	-

	Found	Remedied	Prosecutions
Want of cleanliness	1	1	-
Sanitary conveniences unsatisfactory	-	-	-
TOTAL:	1	1	-

Outworkers - Nil

3819 Visits were made by Public Health Inspectors, as follows:-

New Buildings	184	Caravans	8
Sewers and Drains	234	Council, Committee)	
Rodents	37	Conference)	37
Refuse Collection	163	Vermin	9
Water supply	21	Interviews	2217
Council Houses	341	Factories	33
Infectious Diseases	18	Miscellaneous	158
Meat and Food	234	Offices, Shops and)	
Housing and Public)		Railway Premises)	27
Health Acts)	98		

RODENT CONTROL

After examining various schemes by direct labour or contract, tenders were obtained and a contract scheme accepted to deal with domestic properties and sewer baiting. This method has worked well up to the present, although the rat population this year does not seem to be excessive in residential areas.

I must thank the whole of the staff for their help during the year.

Mr. Eric Reeve.

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector.

